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Mountain State MiniStatistic

The number of private sector payroll jobs in West Virginia reached 512,800 in August 1992. This was the State's highest private employment level since November 1981.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Aug. '92*	*Revised July '92*	*Revised Aug. '91*	*Change from: July 1992*	*Aug. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	742.4	755.4	733.5	-13.0	8.9
Total Employment	688.7	697.0	683.6	-8.3	5.1
Total Unemployment	53.7	58.4	49.9	-4.7	3.8
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.7	6.8	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	774.9	794.4	795.1	-19.5	-20.2
Total Employment	689.8	706.9	707.0	-17.1	-17.2
Total Unemployment	85.0	87.5	88.1	-2.5	-3.1
Unemployment Rate	11.0	11.0	11.1	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment decreased 8,300 during the month to an estimated 688,700 in mid-August. A large seasonal decline in employment is typical for this time of year, due to the phaseout of the Governor's Summer Youth Program.

Payroll employment decreased 9,500 to 636,700 in August 1992. Dominating the retrenchment was a seasonal decrease in state government (-10,100) as the Governor's Summer Youth Program wound down. The youth program retained about 1,000 employees in August. Most other service-producing industries remained essentially unchanged over the month, with the exception of services, which recorded a seasonal gain of 500 jobs. The goods-producing sector increased by 300, with contract construction (+500) primarily responsible for the monthly advance. Mining (-100) and manufacturing (-100) both declined slightly during August 1992.

Nonfarm payroll employment in West Virginia has increased 7,700 since August 1991. The service-producing sector accounted for most of the increase, posting a gain of 7,400 jobs. Services grew by 3,900 annually, with both the health (+1,800) and social (+1,200) services industries up sharply over the year. Retail trade employment was also a major player in this annual increase, advancing by 1,100 jobs from a year ago. Government employment was up 2,200 over the year, with the carry-over summer youth programs responsible for about half the increase and the remainder split among federal, state, and local. In the goods-producing sector annual employment trends were divergent. Construction recorded a sharp increase of 2,300 while mining fell by 1,400 jobs. Manufacturing employment fell by some 600 jobs, with the durable (-300) and nondurable (-300) components each recording a decline.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents contracted 4,700 to an estimated 53,700 in mid-August. This represents an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent for August, down from 7.7 percent last month, but still above the 6.8 percent for the same month a year ago.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

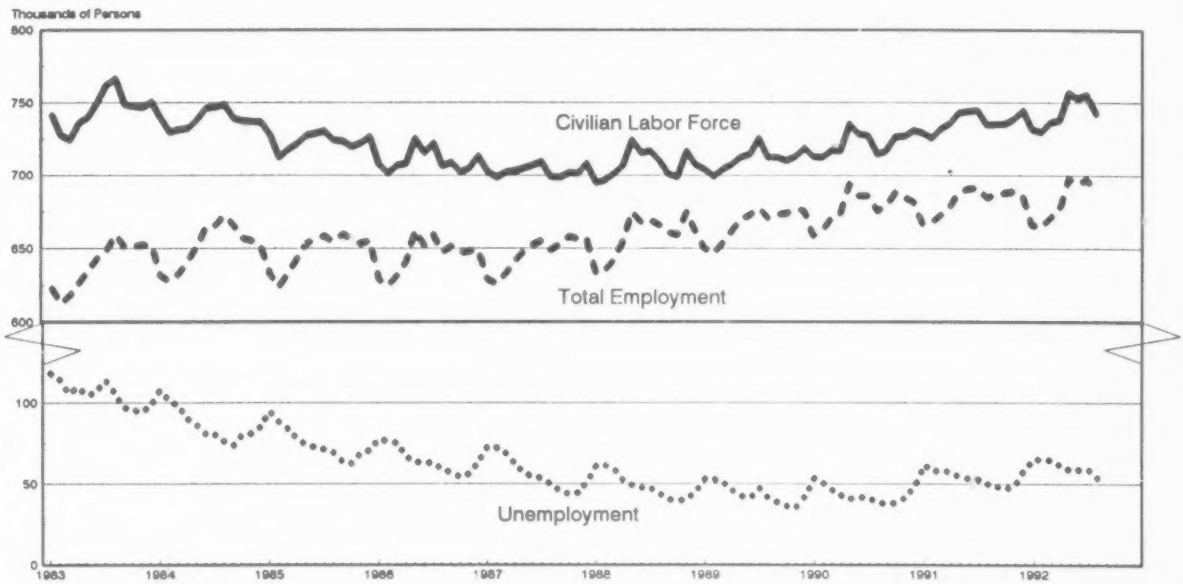
	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.0	40.4
Seasonally Adjusted	40.8	40.4	40.6
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,542	2,506	2,538
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$489.23	$485.60	$474.70
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	48.4	39.9	46.3
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$853.78	$731.77	$851.92
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	14,138	13,276	14,927
Seasonally Adjusted	13,313	16,662	14,056
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,188	1,150	1,137
Seasonally Adjusted	1,181	1,188	1,130
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,733	5,753	6,975
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,002	1,189	1,111
Seasonally Adjusted	1,061	1,123	1,177
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,560	2,065	1,779
Seasonally Adjusted	1,744	1,845	1,989
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.9	3.4	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	3.8	4.3
Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted			
WV Series	7.9	8.0	7.4
BLS Series	10.8	11.6	10.9

Selected National Data

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	7.3	7.6	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted	7.6	7.7	6.8
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	140.9	140.5	136.6
1967 Base	422.0	420.8	409.2
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods Unadjusted, 1982 Base	123.5	123.7	121.7
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	322.3	452.6	344.2
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.8	3.0	2.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	3.1
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$369.60	$363.99	$357.06
Average Weekly Hours	35.0	34.6	34.7
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.56	$10.52	$10.29

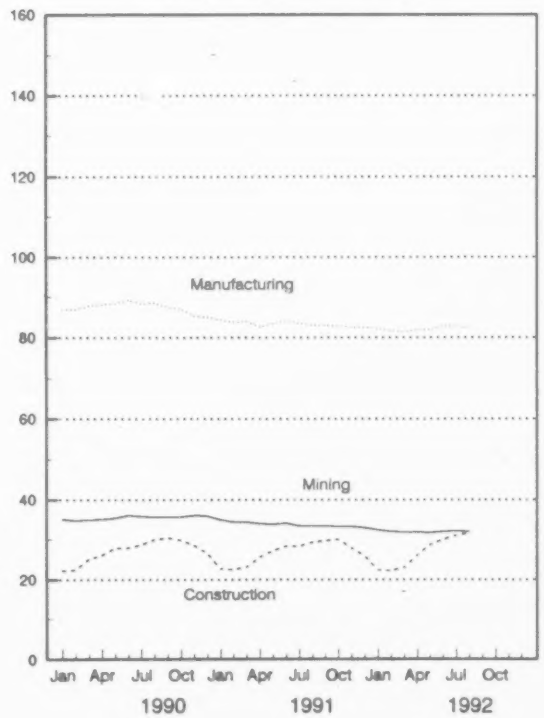
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91	Change From: July 1992	Change From: Aug. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	636.7	646.2	629.0	-9.5	7.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	512.8	512.1	507.3	0.7	5.5
GOODS-PRODUCING	146.3	146.0	146.0	0.3	0.3
Mining	32.1	32.2	33.5	-0.1	-1.4
Coal Mining	27.1	27.2	27.9	-0.1	-0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.0	4.6	0.0	-0.6
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	31.6	31.1	29.3	0.5	2.3
General Building Contractors	8.9	8.2	7.7	0.7	1.2
Heavy Construction	9.2	9.4	8.5	-0.2	0.7
Special Trade Contractors	13.5	13.5	13.1	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	82.6	82.7	83.2	-0.1	-0.6
Durable Goods	45.4	45.4	45.7	0.0	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	8.0	8.1	7.6	-0.1	0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.1	7.0	7.4	0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.6	13.7	13.4	-0.1	0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.5	4.6	5.2	-0.1	-0.7
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.4	2.3	2.5	0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.2	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	37.2	37.3	37.5	-0.1	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	0.3
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.9	3.9	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	16.8	17.0	17.5	-0.2	-0.7
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.0	4.8	0.1	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.4	500.2	483.0	-9.8	7.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	38.2	38.2	38.4	0.0	-0.2
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.0	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	10.2	10.1	10.1	0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	8.1	8.2	8.2	-0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.7	12.7	12.6	0.0	0.1
Trade	146.4	146.5	145.2	-0.1	1.2
Wholesale Trade	30.3	30.3	30.2	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	116.1	116.2	115.0	-0.1	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.4	5.4	5.0	0.0	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	16.5	16.5	16.1	0.0	0.4
Food Stores	22.4	22.4	22.6	0.0	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.7	14.7	14.7	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	-0.1
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	35.9	35.2	-0.1	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.1	12.1	-0.1	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	25.3	25.3	25.0	0.0	0.3
Finance	14.1	14.1	14.1	0.0	0.0
Insurance	6.9	6.8	6.7	0.1	0.2
Real Estate	4.3	4.4	4.2	-0.1	0.1
Services	156.6	156.1	152.7	0.5	3.9
Agricultural Services	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.1	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.8	8.6	8.9	0.2	-0.1
Personal Services	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.2
Business Services	14.8	14.9	14.5	-0.1	0.3
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.9	5.8	5.7	0.1	0.2
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	7.2	6.9	7.2	0.3	0.0
Health Services	60.6	60.5	58.8	0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	11.0	10.9	10.9	0.1	0.1
Hospitals	30.3	30.3	29.3	0.0	1.0
Other Health Services	19.3	19.3	18.6	0.0	0.7
Legal Services	4.3	4.4	4.3	-0.1	0.0
Educational Services	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-0.1
Social Services	13.3	13.0	12.1	0.3	1.2
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.8	19.6	-0.2	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.2	8.2	7.7	0.0	0.5
Government	123.9	134.1	121.7	-10.2	2.2
Federal	17.5	17.5	17.2	0.0	0.3
Hospitals	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	9.2	9.2	9.0	0.0	0.2
State	37.7	47.8	36.2	-10.1	1.5
Hospitals	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Education	13.4	13.3	13.5	0.1	-0.1
Other State	21.7	31.9	20.2	-10.2	1.5
Local	68.7	68.8	68.3	-0.1	0.4
Hospitals	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.0	0.3
Education	40.1	40.3	40.7	-0.2	-0.6
Other Local	23.4	23.3	22.7	0.1	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.2	0.2	1.7	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91	Change From July 1992	Change From Aug 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	283.4	288.3	279.6	-4.9	3.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	218.8	219.1	215.1	-0.3	3.7
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.6	23.3	24.0	0.3	-0.4
Mining	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.1	-0.1
Coal Mining	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-0.1
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.2	0.0	0.2
General Building Contractors	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Heavy Construction	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.3	19.1	19.8	0.2	-0.5
Durable Goods	7.0	7.0	7.5	0.0	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.3	12.1	12.3	0.2	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.2
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.1	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	259.8	265.0	255.6	-5.2	4.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.5	8.5	8.3	0.0	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Trade	69.7	69.6	68.4	0.1	1.3
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	6.1	0.0	0.3
Retail Trade	63.3	63.2	62.3	0.1	1.0
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.7	11.7	11.1	0.0	0.6
Food Stores	12.0	11.9	12.1	0.1	-0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	21.3	21.3	20.7	0.0	0.6
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	8.0	8.1	-0.1	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.7	15.8	15.5	-0.1	0.2
Finance	10.9	11.0	11.0	-0.1	-0.1
Insurance	3.3	3.3	3.0	0.0	0.3
Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Services	101.3	101.9	98.9	-0.6	2.4
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	4.2	4.1	4.0	0.1	0.2
Business Services	7.7	7.7	7.2	0.0	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	3.5	3.3	3.4	0.2	0.1
Health Services	49.9	49.7	48.2	0.2	1.7
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.0	9.8	9.7	0.2	0.3
Hospitals	25.2	25.2	24.1	0.0	1.1
Other Health Services	14.7	14.7	14.4	0.0	0.3
Legal Services	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Educational Services	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Social Services	9.7	9.4	9.0	0.3	0.7
Membership Organizations	10.3	11.6	11.5	-1.3	-1.2
Engineering & Management Services	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3
Government	64.6	69.2	64.5	-4.6	0.1
Federal	7.8	8.1	7.3	-0.3	0.5
Hospitals	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.1	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Other Federal	4.6	4.8	4.2	-0.2	0.4
State	17.7	22.1	17.2	-4.4	0.5
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Education	7.2	7.2	7.0	0.0	0.2
Other State	8.7	13.1	8.5	-4.4	0.2
Local	39.1	39.0	40.0	0.1	-0.9
Hospitals	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	0.2
Education	25.9	26.1	28.0	-0.2	-2.1
Other Local	8.9	8.6	7.9	0.3	1.0

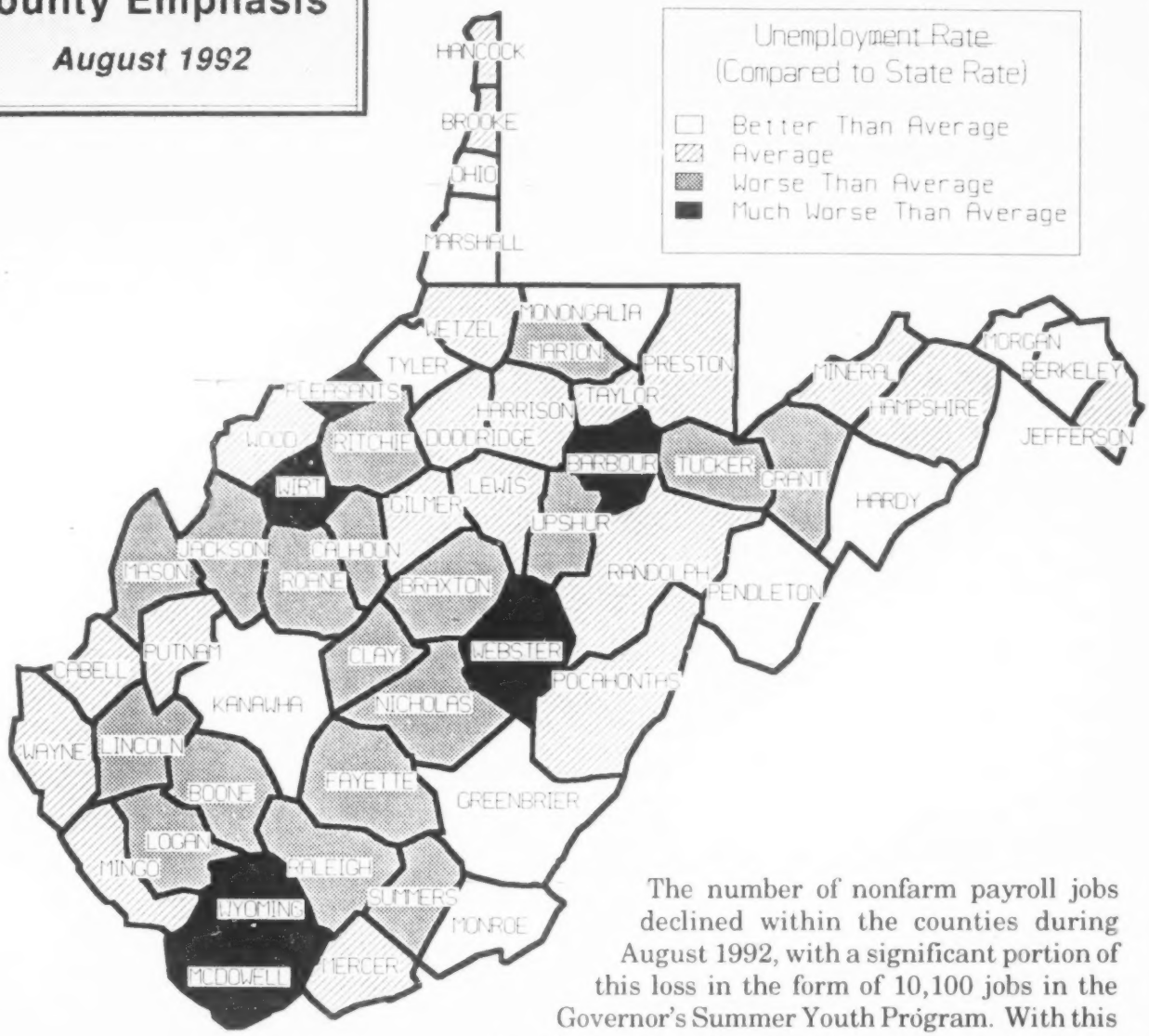
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia
Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug '92	*July '92*	*Aug '91*	*Aug '92*	*July '92*	*Aug '91*	*Aug '92*	*July '92*	*Aug '91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$373.03	$366.54	$364.17	36.5	35.9	36.2	$10.22	$10.21	$10.06
Mining	803.49	694.66	794.99	47.6	40.2	45.9	16.88	17.28	17.32
Coal Mining	853.78	731.77	851.92	48.4	39.9	46.3	17.64	18.34	18.40
Oil & Gas Extraction	503.36	481.22	480.04	41.6	41.2	43.6	12.10	11.68	11.01
Other Mining	500.42	482.53	481.94	46.9	47.4	44.5	10.67	10.18	10.83
Construction	598.54	608.40	584.82	39.3	40.0	40.5	15.23	15.21	14.44
Manufacturing	489.23	485.60	474.70	40.6	40.0	40.4	12.05	12.14	11.75
Durable Goods	492.46	486.40	482.62	40.8	40.0	40.9	12.07	12.16	11.80
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	310.02	310.68	302.35	40.9	40.4	40.1	7.58	7.69	7.54
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	442.49	456.60	448.87	39.9	40.3	39.1	11.09	11.33	11.48
Primary Metals Industries	668.26	651.13	632.16	42.7	40.9	42.8	15.65	15.92	14.77
Fabricated Metal Products	441.58	418.10	426.34	38.6	37.0	38.1	11.44	11.30	11.19
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	464.71	463.20	506.74	40.2	40.0	41.4	11.56	11.58	12.24
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	585.23	555.66	591.67	43.0	40.5	45.2	13.61	13.72	13.09
Transportation Equipment	511.61	514.12	511.43	38.7	39.7	45.1	13.22	12.95	11.34
Nondurable Goods	484.81	484.80	464.47	40.3	40.0	39.8	12.03	12.12	11.67
Food & Kindred Products	368.01	376.65	362.47	37.9	38.2	37.1	9.71	9.86	9.77
Textile Mill Products	265.32	273.39	277.12	40.2	39.0	41.3	6.60	7.01	6.71
Apparel & Other Textile Products	208.12	212.80	200.20	36.9	38.0	33.2	5.64	5.60	6.03
Paper & Allied Products	386.13	361.78	327.54	42.2	39.8	41.2	9.15	9.09	7.95
Printing & Publishing	341.44	337.59	355.13	35.2	34.1	37.5	9.70	9.90	9.47
Chemicals & Allied Products	772.20	763.48	705.60	45.0	44.7	45.0	17.16	17.08	15.68
Transportation & Public Utilities	522.08	516.67	508.32	41.6	41.4	41.7	12.55	12.48	12.19
Trucking & Warehousing	435.10	414.20	449.01	45.8	43.6	45.4	9.50	9.50	9.89
Communications	547.93	545.01	501.23	36.7	38.3	37.8	14.93	14.23	13.26
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	655.35	666.42	624.31	42.5	43.5	41.9	15.42	15.32	14.90
Trade	247.41	253.00	237.86	32.9	32.9	32.1	7.52	7.69	7.41
Wholesale Trade	481.75	494.27	455.39	41.0	41.5	41.1	11.75	11.91	11.08
Retail Trade	190.96	194.04	183.57	31.0	30.8	29.8	6.16	6.30	6.16
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	274.99	275.77	263.21	40.8	40.2	39.7	6.74	6.86	6.63
General Merchandise Stores	203.36	201.16	195.85	31.0	30.9	29.9	6.56	6.51	6.55
Food Stores	200.60	203.79	179.99	31.1	31.4	28.3	6.45	6.49	6.36
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	261.25	270.96	278.82	35.4	35.7	36.4	7.38	7.59	7.66
Apparel & Accessory Stores	145.33	140.67	142.57	29.3	27.8	26.9	4.96	5.06	5.30
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	275.15	276.39	280.78	36.3	37.4	36.8	7.58	7.39	7.63
Eating & Drinking Places	135.18	143.34	126.94	27.7	27.2	26.5	4.88	5.27	4.79
Miscellaneous Retail	197.46	190.97	192.46	30.1	29.7	30.5	6.56	6.43	6.31
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	321.63	308.91	305.71	36.8	36.3	36.7	8.74	8.51	8.33
Finance	280.07	260.64	253.40	36.9	36.0	36.2	7.59	7.24	7.00
Insurance	439.02	442.18	451.62	37.3	37.6	38.6	11.77	11.76	11.70
Real Estate	298.44	287.91	293.40	36.0	35.5	36.0	8.29	8.11	8.15
Services	289.15	288.49	280.16	34.3	34.1	34.0	8.43	8.46	8.24
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	255.64	253.29	260.07	33.2	31.9	33.3	7.70	7.94	7.81
Personal Services	241.49	246.75	218.40	32.9	33.3	33.6	7.34	7.41	6.50
Business Services	238.26	256.09	231.18	33.0	34.7	33.7	7.22	7.38	6.86
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	337.19	351.92	338.52	39.3	39.9	38.6	8.58	8.82	8.77
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	171.71	169.94	171.67	34.9	29.1	28.9	4.92	5.84	5.94
Health Services	332.70	333.96	323.69	36.4	36.3	36.7	9.14	9.20	8.82
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	198.87	199.80	192.09	33.2	33.3	33.7	5.99	6.00	5.70
Hospitals	395.75	397.06	387.83	38.2	38.4	38.9	10.36	10.34	9.97
Other Health Services	306.56	305.86	294.45	35.4	34.6	34.6	8.66	8.84	8.51
Legal Services	437.31	405.50	399.67	38.7	36.4	36.4	11.30	11.14	10.98
Social Services	220.80	209.87	180.96	32.0	31.0	29.0	6.90	6.77	6.24
Engineering & Management Services	431.24	402.95	403.99	36.3	35.1	36.2	11.88	11.48	11.16

The above figures represent the hours and earnings of more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

August 1992



The number of nonfarm payroll jobs declined within the counties during August 1992, with a significant portion of this loss in the form of 10,100 jobs in the Governor's Summer Youth Program. With this in mind, seasonal economic gains permitted the majority of counties to record declines in their West Virginia Series unemployment rate during the thirty-day period. Anticipated expansion in service-type businesses as well as an increase in the number of construction jobs provided the spark for several counties to register rates considered better than average. Within this group are Marshall (6.1), Morgan (6.0), Berkeley (5.9), Monroe (5.8), Greenbrier (5.7), Tyler (5.7), Kanawha (5.6), Ohio (5.0), Monongalia (3.9), Hardy (3.7), and Pendleton (3.4).

With the conspicuous exception of the decline in government employment, progress observed in the private sector supplied economic support for a number of counties dealing with double-digit unemployment rates. As a result, the number of counties posting rates considered much worse than average when compared to the state rate continues to decline. Within this group are Wirt (11.3), Pleasants (11.9), Webster (14.4), McDowell (14.7), Wyoming (15.6), and Barbour (16.8).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

August 1992

(Revised July 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,030	(4,200)	3,360	(3,450)	680	(750)	16.8	(17.8)
Berkeley	30,640	(31,030)	28,840	(28,940)	1,800	(2,080)	5.9	(6.7)
Boone	8,620	(8,760)	7,650	(7,810)	970	(950)	11.2	(10.8)
Braxton	5,280	(5,410)	4,700	(4,790)	580	(610)	10.9	(11.4)
Brooke	9,920	(9,950)	9,120	(9,160)	800	(800)	8.1	(8.0)
Cabell	42,760	(43,480)	40,130	(40,500)	2,630	(2,980)	6.2	(6.9)
Calhoun	2,800	(2,970)	2,510	(2,550)	290	(420)	10.2	(14.2)
Clay	3,130	(3,450)	2,810	(3,060)	320	(390)	10.1	(11.4)
Doddridge	2,430	(2,620)	2,270	(2,320)	170	(300)	6.8	(11.5)
Fayette	17,110	(17,550)	15,610	(15,890)	1,500	(1,660)	8.8	(9.4)
Gilmer	2,800	(2,970)	2,620	(2,750)	180	(220)	6.4	(7.3)
Grant	4,820	(4,870)	4,380	(4,440)	440	(430)	9.1	(8.9)
Greenbrier	15,350	(15,580)	14,480	(14,470)	870	(1,110)	5.7	(7.1)
Hampshire	7,220	(7,220)	6,730	(6,670)	500	(550)	6.9	(7.6)
Hancock	13,260	(13,280)	12,220	(12,260)	1,040	(1,020)	7.9	(7.7)
Hardy	6,140	(6,250)	5,920	(5,990)	230	(260)	3.7	(4.1)
Harrison	29,910	(31,010)	27,790	(28,380)	2,120	(2,620)	7.1	(8.5)
Jackson	9,630	(9,380)	8,740	(8,900)	880	(980)	9.2	(10.0)
Jefferson	17,340	(17,280)	16,250	(16,160)	1,090	(1,120)	6.3	(6.5)
Kanawha	99,380	(99,660)	93,840	(93,850)	5,540	(5,800)	5.6	(5.8)
Lewis	7,360	(7,560)	6,840	(6,940)	520	(620)	7.1	(8.2)
Lincoln	8,100	(8,570)	7,360	(7,780)	740	(800)	9.1	(9.3)
Logan	13,670	(13,950)	12,180	(12,490)	1,490	(1,460)	10.9	(10.4)
McDowell	6,740	(7,220)	5,750	(6,170)	990	(1,060)	14.7	(14.6)
Marion	21,680	(22,100)	19,710	(20,020)	1,970	(2,090)	9.1	(9.4)
Marshall	14,440	(14,630)	13,550	(13,690)	890	(950)	6.1	(6.5)
Mason	9,710	(9,950)	8,720	(8,890)	1,000	(1,060)	10.3	(10.7)
Mercer	26,030	(26,540)	24,190	(24,590)	1,840	(1,940)	7.1	(7.3)
Mineral	10,440	(10,610)	9,780	(9,900)	670	(710)	6.4	(6.7)
Mingo	12,020	(12,720)	11,060	(11,660)	960	(1,060)	8.0	(8.3)
Monongalia	39,410	(39,760)	37,870	(38,120)	1,540	(1,640)	3.9	(4.1)
Monroe	5,420	(5,390)	5,100	(5,100)	320	(300)	5.8	(5.5)
Morgan	5,400	(5,500)	5,080	(5,100)	320	(400)	6.0	(7.3)
Nicholas	8,890	(9,120)	7,910	(8,200)	980	(920)	11.0	(10.1)
Ohio	24,180	(24,460)	22,960	(23,190)	1,220	(1,280)	5.0	(5.2)
Pendleton	4,060	(4,100)	3,920	(3,940)	140	(170)	3.4	(4.0)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,280)	1,960	(2,020)	270	(260)	11.9	(11.3)
Pocahontas	4,270	(4,470)	3,920	(4,030)	350	(430)	8.1	(9.7)
Preston	12,690	(12,910)	11,800	(11,880)	890	(1,030)	7.0	(8.0)
Putnam	16,950	(17,040)	15,740	(15,740)	1,200	(1,300)	7.1	(7.6)
Raleigh	28,850	(29,210)	26,330	(26,630)	2,520	(2,580)	8.7	(8.8)
Randolph	11,670	(12,120)	10,770	(10,990)	910	(1,130)	7.8	(9.3)
Ritchie	5,410	(5,510)	4,950	(5,030)	470	(480)	8.6	(8.7)
Roane	4,730	(5,080)	4,260	(4,420)	470	(650)	9.9	(12.9)
Summers	4,360	(4,540)	3,980	(4,120)	380	(420)	8.6	(9.3)
Taylor	5,830	(6,020)	5,450	(5,560)	380	(460)	6.6	(7.6)
Tucker	4,050	(4,180)	3,660	(3,740)	400	(440)	9.7	(10.5)
Tyler	4,710	(4,850)	4,440	(4,520)	270	(340)	5.7	(6.9)
Upshur	7,970	(8,120)	7,180	(7,330)	790	(790)	9.9	(9.7)
Wayne	15,480	(15,660)	14,400	(14,530)	1,090	(1,130)	7.0	(7.2)
Webster	3,030	(3,190)	2,600	(2,690)	440	(500)	14.4	(15.6)
Wetzel	9,350	(9,510)	8,680	(8,830)	670	(680)	7.1	(7.2)
Wirt	1,980	(2,060)	1,760	(1,800)	220	(260)	11.3	(12.7)
Wood	42,020	(41,940)	39,210	(39,020)	2,810	(2,920)	6.7	(7.0)
Wyoming	6,690	(7,140)	5,640	(5,990)	1,040	(1,140)	15.6	(16.0)
Statewide	742,400	(755,400)	688,700	(697,000)	53,700	(58,400)	7.2	(7.7)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

August 1992

(Revised July 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U S Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	4,430	(4,620)	3,360	(3,500)	1,070	(1,120)	24.2	(24.2)
Berkeley	31,740	(32,480)	28,890	(29,360)	2,850	(3,120)	9.0	(9.6)
Boone	9,200	(9,340)	7,660	(7,920)	1,530	(1,420)	16.7	(15.2)
Braxton	5,630	(5,780)	4,710	(4,860)	920	(920)	16.3	(15.9)
Brooke	10,410	(10,480)	9,140	(9,290)	1,270	(1,200)	12.2	(11.4)
Cabell	44,370	(45,540)	40,200	(41,080)	4,170	(4,460)	9.4	(9.8)
Calhoun	2,970	(3,220)	2,520	(2,590)	450	(630)	15.2	(19.6)
Clay	3,320	(3,690)	2,820	(3,100)	500	(590)	15.1	(16.0)
Doddridge	2,540	(2,800)	2,270	(2,350)	260	(450)	10.4	(16.1)
Fayette	18,010	(18,600)	15,640	(16,120)	2,380	(2,480)	13.2	(13.3)
Gilmer	2,910	(3,120)	2,630	(2,790)	280	(330)	9.7	(10.4)
Grant	5,080	(5,140)	4,390	(4,500)	690	(650)	13.7	(12.5)
Greenbrier	15,890	(16,340)	14,510	(14,670)	1,380	(1,660)	8.7	(10.2)
Hampshire	7,520	(7,590)	6,740	(6,770)	780	(820)	10.4	(10.8)
Hancock	13,890	(13,960)	12,240	(12,440)	1,650	(1,520)	11.9	(10.9)
Hardy	6,280	(6,460)	5,930	(6,070)	360	(390)	5.7	(6.0)
Harrison	31,200	(32,720)	27,840	(28,790)	3,360	(3,930)	10.8	(12.0)
Jackson	10,150	(10,490)	8,760	(9,020)	1,400	(1,470)	13.7	(14.0)
Jefferson	18,000	(18,070)	16,280	(16,390)	1,730	(1,680)	9.6	(9.3)
Kanawha	102,770	(103,890)	94,000	(95,190)	8,770	(8,700)	8.5	(8.4)
Lewis	7,680	(7,970)	6,850	(7,040)	830	(930)	10.8	(11.7)
Lincoln	8,540	(9,080)	7,370	(7,890)	1,170	(1,190)	13.7	(13.1)
Logan	14,560	(14,850)	12,200	(12,670)	2,360	(2,180)	16.2	(14.7)
McDowell	7,330	(7,840)	5,760	(6,250)	1,570	(1,580)	21.4	(20.2)
Marion	22,870	(23,430)	19,750	(20,300)	3,120	(3,130)	13.6	(13.3)
Marshall	14,980	(15,300)	13,570	(13,880)	1,400	(1,420)	9.4	(9.3)
Mason	10,310	(10,600)	8,730	(9,020)	1,580	(1,590)	15.3	(15.0)
Mercer	27,140	(27,860)	24,230	(24,940)	2,900	(2,910)	10.7	(10.5)
Mineral	10,850	(11,100)	9,790	(10,040)	1,060	(1,060)	9.7	(9.6)
Mingo	12,590	(13,410)	11,080	(11,820)	1,510	(1,590)	12.0	(11.8)
Monongalia	40,380	(41,110)	37,940	(38,660)	2,440	(2,450)	6.0	(6.0)
Monroe	5,610	(5,610)	5,110	(5,170)	500	(440)	8.9	(7.9)
Morgan	5,600	(5,770)	5,090	(5,170)	510	(600)	9.2	(10.4)
Nicholas	9,480	(9,700)	7,930	(8,320)	1,550	(1,380)	16.3	(14.2)
Ohio	24,930	(25,430)	23,000	(23,520)	1,930	(1,910)	7.8	(7.5)
Pendleton	4,150	(4,240)	3,930	(3,990)	220	(250)	5.3	(5.8)
Pleasants	2,380	(2,430)	1,960	(2,050)	420	(380)	17.7	(15.8)
Pocahontas	4,470	(4,740)	3,930	(4,090)	550	(650)	12.2	(13.7)
Preston	13,230	(13,590)	11,820	(12,050)	1,410	(1,550)	10.7	(11.4)
Putnam	17,670	(17,910)	15,770	(15,970)	1,910	(1,940)	10.8	(10.8)
Raleigh	30,360	(30,880)	26,380	(27,010)	3,980	(3,870)	13.1	(12.5)
Randolph	12,220	(12,840)	10,790	(11,150)	1,430	(1,690)	11.7	(13.2)
Ritchie	5,690	(5,820)	4,950	(5,100)	740	(720)	13.0	(12.3)
Roane	5,010	(5,470)	4,270	(4,490)	740	(980)	14.8	(17.9)
Summers	4,590	(4,810)	3,990	(4,170)	590	(630)	13.0	(13.2)
Taylor	6,060	(6,330)	5,460	(5,640)	600	(690)	10.0	(10.8)
Tucker	4,290	(4,450)	3,660	(3,790)	630	(660)	14.6	(14.8)
Tyler	4,870	(5,080)	4,450	(4,580)	430	(500)	8.7	(9.9)
Upshur	8,440	(8,610)	7,190	(7,430)	1,250	(1,180)	14.8	(13.7)
Wayne	16,140	(16,430)	14,420	(14,740)	1,720	(1,690)	10.7	(10.3)
Webster	3,290	(3,470)	2,600	(2,730)	690	(750)	21.0	(21.5)
Wetzel	9,750	(9,970)	8,700	(8,950)	1,050	(1,020)	10.8	(10.2)
Wirt	2,110	(2,220)	1,760	(1,830)	350	(390)	16.8	(17.6)
Wood	43,730	(43,950)	39,280	(39,580)	4,450	(4,370)	10.2	(9.9)
Wyoming	7,300	(7,790)	5,650	(6,080)	1,650	(1,710)	22.6	(22.0)
Statewide	774,900	(794,400)	689,800	(706,900)	85,000	(87,500)	11.0	(11.0)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***August 1992***

All Partnership for Progress Areas savored declines in the West Virginia Series unemployment rate during August 1992 with the lone exception being Area 6 where the rate was unchanged for the month. Although government employment declined substantially with the conclusion of the Governor's Summer Youth Program, gains within private sector employment, and in particular services and construction, helped support progress within the Partnership Areas. Significant declines in the unemployment rate occurred in Areas 2 and 3 (-0.8) followed by Areas 4 and 8 (-0.7) and Area 9 (-0.6). While Area 6 posted no gain or loss in the unemployment rate, the distinction of having the highest rate (11.4) for the month belonged to them. Area 4 registered the lowest rate (6.0) followed by Area 7 (6.1) and Area 5 (7.9).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	116.3	116.7	115.9
Employment	109.6	109.6	109.9
Unemployment	6.7	7.1	5.9
Rate (%)	5.8	6.1	5.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	125.3	126.4	126.1
Employment	118.3	119.3	119.5
Unemployment	7.0	7.1	6.6
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	71.3	71.0	69.6
Employment	67.3	66.9	66.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.1	3.2
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.6	69.5	67.7
Employment	65.5	66.1	65.0
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	4.0
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.2	39.6	37.5
Employment	35.5	36.3	34.9
Unemployment	2.7	3.4	2.6
Rate (%)	7.0	8.5	7.0
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	12.3	12.0
Employment	10.5	10.9	10.4
Unemployment	1.4	1.4	1.5
Rate (%)	11.9	11.5	12.9
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	52.1	52.7	50.8
Employment	49.7	50.0	48.6
Unemployment	2.4	2.7	2.2
Rate (%)	4.7	5.1	4.3
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.1	14.4	14.2
Employment	13.1	13.3	13.3
Unemployment	0.9	1.0	0.9
Rate (%)	6.6	7.1	6.4
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.8	21.0	21.3
Employment	19.6	19.6	20.0
Unemployment	1.2	1.4	1.3
Rate (%)	5.7	6.7	6.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	120.4	121.8	124.2
Employment	109.8	111.2	113.7
Unemployment	10.7	10.6	10.5
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.4
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	132.1	132.3	133.8
Employment	118.8	120.2	120.9
Unemployment	13.3	12.1	12.9
Rate (%)	10.1	9.1	9.6
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	76.2	76.1	74.2
Employment	69.2	69.3	68.6
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	5.7
Rate (%)	9.2	9.0	7.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	73.0	74.3	72.0
Employment	67.4	68.5	67.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.8	4.8
Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	6.7
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	39.8	41.8	40.7
Employment	35.6	36.8	36.1
Unemployment	4.2	5.1	4.6
Rate (%)	10.6	12.1	11.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	13.2	13.5
Employment	10.5	11.0	10.8
Unemployment	2.2	2.1	2.7
Rate (%)	17.5	16.1	20.1
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.6	54.7	54.2
Employment	49.8	50.7	50.3
Unemployment	3.9	4.0	3.9
Rate (%)	7.2	7.3	7.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	15.1	15.4
Employment	13.1	13.5	13.8
Unemployment	1.5	1.5	1.6
Rate (%)	10.1	10.1	10.5
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.9	23.0
Employment	19.6	19.8	20.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.1	2.4
Rate (%)	8.8	9.6	10.3

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area
(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased only slightly (+100) during August 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 200 jobs., as construction posted a moderate increase (+300). Manufacturing fell by 100 jobs, while the mining industry remained unchanged over the month. Comparison with year-ago August 1991 indicates an overall yearly advance of 700 jobs locally. All of this gain was among the service-producing industries (+600) particularly state government (+700). This particular increase at the state level resulted from lingering employment in the Governor's Summer Youth Program for 1992. In addition, the total number of openings in this program (statewide) grew by approximately 3,000 jobs over calendar year. Service industry jobs increased by 300 from a year ago. Most other industries in either the service or goods-producing sectors were essentially unchanged from over the annual comparison.

Unemployment: Resident-based total unemployment declined by some 400 jobholders in the Charleston MSA during August 1992. The corresponding MSA unemployment rate declined to 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force. The year-ago August 1991 comparison reveals an increase of 800 unemployed, while the current 5.8 percent unemployment rate remains higher than the year-ago figure of 5.1 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July'92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	116.3	116.7	115.9
Employment	109.6	109.6	109.9
Unemployment	6.7	7.1	5.9
Rate (%)	5.8	6.1	5.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July'92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	120.4	121.8	124.2
Employment	109.8	111.2	113.7
Unemployment	10.7	10.6	10.5
Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	July'92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July'92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July'92	Aug. '91
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	114.0	113.9	113.3						
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.6	93.4	93.6	37.2	37.1	37.8	10.07	10.02	9.83
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.7	18.5	18.6						
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.4						
Construction	6.1	5.8	5.5						
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.7	43.9	44.6	44.4	14.47	14.68	13.30
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	43.5	43.8	36.2	10.26	10.56	11.17
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.7	9.0	44.0	44.9	46.4	15.75	15.88	13.69
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.1	7.2	7.6	46.6	48.0	48.7	17.50	17.45	14.66
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.4	36.0	34.8	38.2	8.62	8.87	9.32
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.3	95.4	94.7						
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.8	8.7	8.9						
Trade	28.2	28.3	28.6	34.2	33.5	33.0	7.76	7.72	7.65
Wholesale Trade	7.0	7.0	7.1	42.2	41.6	41.6	10.69	10.51	10.31
Retail Trade	21.2	21.3	21.5	31.8	31.1	30.4	6.59	6.60	6.56
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	30.6	30.6	29.5	7.02	7.08	7.10
Food Stores	3.7	3.8	3.9	30.3	29.0	26.9	6.48	6.43	6.29
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.5	2.5	2.6	37.0	36.6	38.2	8.83	8.67	8.51
Eating & Drinking Places	6.6	6.7	6.6	29.5	29.0	27.7	5.17	5.39	5.13
Other Retail Trade	4.1	4.1	4.0						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.4	37.6	37.1	37.4	8.58	8.55	8.96
Finance	2.9	2.9	2.9						
Insurance	2.6	2.6	2.5						
Real Estate	1.0	1.0	1.0						
Services	31.4	31.4	31.1	36.1	35.9	38.4	9.02	8.93	8.78
Personal & Business Services	5.2	5.2	5.1	34.4	34.5	34.1	6.45	6.41	6.10
Health Services	11.8	11.8	11.7	40.1	40.0	43.9	9.47	9.59	9.47
Social Services	2.2	2.2	2.1						
Membership Organizations	3.9	3.9	3.8						
Other Services	8.3	8.3	8.4						
Government	20.4	20.5	19.7						
Federal	2.0	2.0	2.1						
State	9.9	10.1	9.2						
Local	8.5	8.4	8.4						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined 1,100 during August 1992. The bulk of the monthly drop resulted from the seasonal ending of the Governor's Summer Youth Program in state government (-700). Private sector employment retreated by 300 jobs, as both the MSA goods (-300) and service-producing (-800) sectors suffered losses during August 1992. The primary and fabricated metals industry accounted for the loss (-300) among goods-producing industries. Most service-producing industries other than total government (-800) remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year ago August 1991 indicates a decline of 700 jobs locally. Both the goods (-400) and service-producing (-300) industry sectors participated in the annual decrease.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA declined 100 over the month, to 7,000 during August. The number of unemployed was up 400 over the year. The unemployment rate for August remained unchanged at 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with August 1991 indicates the MSA unemployment rate was 0.3 percent below the current rate, at 5.3 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	125.3	126.4	126.1
Employment	118.3	119.3	119.5
Unemployment	7.0	7.1	6.6
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	5.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	132.1	132.3	133.8
Employment	118.8	120.2	120.9
Unemployment	13.3	12.1	12.9
Rate (%)	10.1	9.1	9.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.3	110.4	110.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.0	92.3	92.6	35.7	36.1	35.4	10.40	10.46	9.97
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.1	26.4	26.5						
Mining	1.6	1.7	1.6						
Construction	4.8	4.9	5.0						
Manufacturing	19.7	19.8	19.9	40.0	41.1	40.5	13.85	14.16	14.04
Durable Goods	11.1	11.3	11.4	39.6	41.3	41.3	14.47	14.86	14.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.3	1.4	39.1	38.8	41.8	12.29	12.85	12.86
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	6.8	7.1	7.4	39.5	42.1	42.1	16.30	16.69	16.72
Other Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6						
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.5	8.5	40.5	41.0	39.3	13.03	13.18	12.69
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	39.1	39.5	32.5	6.53	6.73	7.38
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.5	4.5	4.4	40.7	42.7	42.0	16.98	16.81	15.99
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.5						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	83.2	84.0	83.5						
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.2	7.2	8.0						
Trade	27.9	27.8	28.3	32.2	32.2	32.1	7.16	7.11	7.17
Wholesale Trade	5.6	5.5	5.5	39.6	40.1	40.1	9.94	10.08	10.08
Retail Trade	22.3	22.3	22.8	30.5	30.4	30.4	6.34	6.25	6.34
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	5.0	5.0	5.1	29.8	29.3	29.4	6.82	6.50	6.54
Food Stores	3.7	3.6	3.9	30.3	30.6	29.4	6.53	6.52	6.35
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	2.4	2.4	2.4	35.7	34.1	35.7	7.44	7.23	8.33
Eating & Drinking Places	7.0	7.1	7.1	27.4	27.4	26.7	5.04	5.14	4.88
Other Retail Trade	4.2	4.2	4.3						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	37.9	37.6	37.6	7.71	7.80	7.51
Services	26.9	27.0	25.9	33.8	34.3	32.8	9.71	9.52	8.73
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.6						
Health Services	11.5	11.4	10.8	36.0	35.3	35.7	10.69	11.08	10.39
Government	17.3	18.1	17.4						
Federal	3.1	3.1	3.0						
State	4.0	4.7	3.8						
Local	10.2	10.3	10.6						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

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Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 300 during August 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. Goods-producing jobs increased by 200 for the thirty day period. Manufacturing businesses supplied the entire expansion within goods-producing while all other sectors remained even. Service-producing employment inched forward generating 100 jobs for the month. Gains were recorded in trade (+100) and services (+200) with government sustaining the lone decline (-200). Total nonfarm payroll employment over the year increased 1,100. Goods-producing jobs decreased by 600 during the twelve month period, however. Losses were registered in construction (-500) and manufacturing (-100). By comparison, service-producing employment expanded by 1,700. Increases were posted in trade (+700), finance, insurance, and real estate (+100), services (+500), and government (+400).

Unemployment: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA declined 100 during August 1992. Consequently, the unemployment rate fell from 5.8 to 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to August 1991, the unemployment rate grew from 4.6 to 5.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	71.3	71.0	69.6
Employment	67.3	66.9	66.4
Unemployment	4.0	4.1	3.2
Rate (%)	5.7	5.8	4.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	76.2	76.1	74.2
Employment	69.2	69.3	68.6
Unemployment	7.0	6.8	5.7
Rate (%)	9.2	9.0	7.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	63.1	62.8	62.0						
PRIVATE SECTOR	53.1	52.6	52.4	35.3	35.1	34.2	9.92	10.19	10.11
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.1	16.9	17.7						
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4						
Construction	2.7	2.7	3.2						
Manufacturing	14.0	13.8	14.1	41.3	41.1	40.9	13.97	14.44	13.99
Durable Goods	6.8	6.6	6.9	38.3	37.6	38.0	12.52	12.61	12.33
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	0.9	37.4	36.3	37.0	8.67	8.99	9.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.5	1.7	44.1	43.0	42.7	13.27	13.56	12.96
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.9	2.8	2.8	34.6	34.3	35.2	13.43	13.41	13.23
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5						
Nondurable Goods	7.2	7.2	7.2	44.9	45.3	44.2	15.46	16.24	15.66
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.3	5.4	44.6	45.1	44.0	17.02	17.92	17.00
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.8						
SERVICE-PRODUCING	46.0	45.9	44.3						
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.7	2.7	2.7						
Trade	15.5	15.4	14.8	32.8	32.7	31.4	6.90	6.99	7.07
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.9	42.2	41.7	41.2	9.14	9.17	9.29
Retail Trade	12.5	12.4	11.9	30.8	30.8	29.2	6.26	6.36	6.37
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.5	2.5	2.2	30.9	31.1	28.9	6.38	6.39	6.71
Food Stores	2.2	2.2	2.2	32.0	31.6	28.3	6.71	6.84	6.76
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.7	1.7	1.6	40.7	41.3	41.2	7.16	7.97	8.14
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.7	26.2	25.5	24.2	4.89	4.78	4.64
Other Retail Trade	2.3	2.2	2.2						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.4	2.4	2.3	32.9	30.1	31.2	6.97	6.79	6.49
Services	15.4	15.2	14.9	32.3	32.1	29.9	7.90	8.01	7.88
Personal & Business Services	3.7	3.7	3.5	36.3	35.1	33.1	7.11	7.85	7.22
Health Services	4.9	4.8	4.7	31.7	32.4	31.4	9.15	9.07	8.74
Other Services	6.8	6.7	6.7						
Government	10.0	10.2	9.6						
Federal	2.0	2.0	1.9						
State	1.1	1.3	1.1						
Local	6.9	6.9	6.6						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

Employment: Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 600 jobs during August 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The local goods-producing sector advanced by 200 jobs, with the increase limited to manufacturing. The service-producing sector posted a decline of 800, with the largest decrease in transportation and public utilities (-600). Government had the next largest decline with a loss of 400 jobs. The service industry posted the only increase (+200), while all other industries remained essentially unchanged. Comparison with year-ago August 1991 shows an increase of 400 jobs locally, with a loss of 500 jobs in goods-producing offset by a healthy increase of 900 in the service-producing industries. Manufacturing(-400) and trade(-300) suffered the biggest over the year losses, while services(+600) and government(+500) posted marked increases.

Unemployment: Resident-based total employment declined by 200 jobholders during August 1992, with the corresponding unemployment rate dropping to 4.6 percent of the civilian labor force. Total unemployment increased 500 over the year, causing the unemployment rate to rise from 4.0 percent to the current 4.6 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	68.6	69.5	67.7
Employment	65.5	66.1	65.0
Unemployment	3.2	3.4	2.7
Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim Aug. '92	Revised July '92	Revised Aug. '91
Labor Force	73.0	74.3	72.0
Employment	67.4	68.5	67.1
Unemployment	5.6	5.8	4.8
Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	6.7

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Nonfarm Payroll Employment			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	July '92	Aug. '91
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.5	61.1	60.1						
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.0	51.2	51.1	35.1	34.3	34.2	9.97	9.79	9.89
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.2	11.0	11.7						
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.2	47.0	38.8	46.9	19.85	19.65	19.09
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.1						
Manufacturing	7.0	6.8	7.4	40.0	38.6	40.7	15.01	14.19	14.29
Durable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.9	37.8	36.2	41.2	13.86	13.03	14.01
Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.5	41.7	40.5	40.2	15.84	15.04	14.53
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.3	50.1	48.4						
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.9	3.3						
Trade	15.2	15.2	15.5	31.8	31.5	32.0	6.89	7.02	6.97
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.9	39.6	40.1	39.6	9.60	9.66	9.00
Retail Trade	12.5	12.5	12.6	30.3	29.8	30.4	6.18	6.31	6.41
General Merchandise & Apparel Stores	2.6	2.5	2.5						
Food Stores	2.3	2.3	2.3						
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	1.5	1.5	1.6						
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	4.1						
Other Retail Trade	2.1	2.2	2.1						
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	34.2	34.1	34.2	7.31	7.19	6.85
Services	18.1	17.9	17.5						
Health Services	8.1	8.1	7.9	36.6	37.0	32.2	8.83	8.56	8.83
Other Services	10.0	9.8	9.6						
Government	9.5	9.9	9.0						
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7						
State	1.6	1.8	1.5						
Local	7.2	7.4	6.8						
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0						

Hours and earnings represent production and nonsupervisiory workers only. To derive average weekly earnings, multiply average weekly hours by average hourly earnings.

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date*	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Active File	Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL	191,261	72,667	39,421	2,546	1,585	27,163	4.9	28.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	20,285	7,369	1,640	204	110	605	12.4	36.1
Clerical & Sales	51,188	16,569	9,962	875	573	5,924	5.1	18.9
Services	24,137	7,745	8,745	408	190	6,025	2.8	19.0
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,914	774	226	6	3	124	8.5	129.0
Processing	10,734	4,156	1,044	163	146	853	10.3	25.5
Machine Trades	12,888	5,252	1,393	75	47	859	9.3	70.0
Benchwork	7,331	2,845	1,079	66	51	732	6.8	43.1
Structural Work	32,704	13,895	2,767	274	132	1,529	11.8	50.7
Miscellaneous	39,323	15,730	12,565	475	333	10,512	3.1	33.1
Transportation	8,655	3,433	1,433	136	61	756	6.0	25.2
Packaging & Materials Handling	21,955	7,596	10,229	132	88	9,319	2.1	57.5
Other	8,713	4,701	903	207	184	437	9.6	22.7
Entry Total	20	20	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

**July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992*

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991	Percent Change: July 1992	Aug. 1991
Initial Claims	6,554	9,498	7,828	-31.0	-16.3
Weeks Claimed	76,989	86,458	81,094	-11.0	-5.1
Benefits Paid	$10,440,466	$10,990,346	$10,316,320	-5.0	1.2
Weeks Compensated	64,330	71,377	67,837	-9.9	-5.2
Average Weekly Payment	$162.30	$153.98	$152.08	5.4	6.7
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$150,169,358	$140,151,821	$137,744,214	7.1	9.0

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Aug. 1992	July 1992	Aug. 1991	Percent Change July 1992	Percent Change Aug. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	6,028,401	5,769,101	5,962,981	4.5	1.1
Medical Benefits Paid	10,167,782	7,186,903	6,585,578	41.5	54.4
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,187,324	4,355,535	4,784,615	-3.9	-12.5
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,096,536	8,019,656	7,185,697	1.0	12.7
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	2,404,604	1,963,315	1,513,725	22.5	58.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	29,765	3,500	14,000	750.4	112.6
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	278,494	265,102	285,113	5.1	-2.3
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	621,737	638,098	622,890	-2.6	-0.2
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	1,048,136	1,024,834	1,046,540	2.3	0.2
Sum of All Benefits Paid	32,862,779	29,226,045	28,001,139	12.4	17.4

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	3.43
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	4,396
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	60
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	45
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	81
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	3,804
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	65

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	3,658	2,963
Female	2,011	1,630
Male	1,647	1,333
Youth	3,597	2,914
Female	1,790	1,486
Male	1,807	1,428
School Dropout	**	1,079
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	3,487
Single Parent	**	730
Black	**	448
Hispanic	**	11
Handicapped	**	666
Unemployed	**	3,286
Welfare	**	1,305
Veterans	**	407

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